



## Didemnum candidum

### White didemnid (Tunicate)

#### Threat scores

1. Ecological impact
  - Fouling organism; ecological impact unstudied, but spatial competition in shallow water and fouling communities is likely
2. Invasive potential
  - A fouling organism requiring assisted transport to expand alien range
3. Geographic extent
  - Locally patchy

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Unclear, likely Indo-Pacific and/or Red Sea
2. Introduced: Hawai'i
3. Habitats
  - Coral reefs, fouling communities, benthic
  - Shallow water, primarily in the fouling community of protected harbors and embayment, but also on the reefs in Kaneohe Bay
  - Grows on all substrates, even living animals and algae



#### Invasion Pathways

1. Hull/Surface fouling

#### Non-Native Locations

1. 152- Hawaiian Islands

#### Sources

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